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SUBJ: WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TENNIS TOURNAMENT IN LAGOS

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1. USIS ASSISTANT CULTURAL AFFAIRS OFFICER AND RSO HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH LOCAL WCT CHAIRMAN ALABE AND TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR FAJOBE ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR WCT TOURNEY FEBRUARY 9-15. ALABE AND FAJOBE HAVE GIVEN ASSURANCES THAT THEY ARE TAKING ADEQUATE SECURITY MEASURES FOR THE TOURNAMENT. THEY EXPECT NO DEMONSTRATIONS OR ANTI-AMERICAN ACTIVITY TO SURFACE DURING TOURNAMENT, BUT MINDFUL OF THE WORLD-WIDE THREAT OF TERRORISM, THEY WILL HAVE SIX POLICE OFFICERS IN ADDITION TO TRAFFIC POLICE ASSIGNED TO THE TOURNAMENT.

2. WE BELIEVE TOURNAMENT ORGANIZERS ARE TAKING REASONABLE SECURITY MEASURES. WE EXPECT NO SECURITY PROBLEMS. EMBASSY DOES NOT RPT NOT ANTICIPATE RENEWAL OF DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST US POLICY ON ANGOLA.

3. CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW STANDS (AT LAGOS LAWN TENNIS CLUB ACROSS STREET FROM NEW PARADE GROUNDS) CONTINUING ON 24-HOUR PER DAY BASIS IN EFFORT TO COMPLETE BEFORE TOURNAMENT DATE. TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS GIVE ASSURANCES THAT PLAYING SURFACE WILL BE COMPLETE AND SPECTATOR STANDS USABLE ALTHOUGH NOT ENTIRELY FINISHED. LOCAL SPONSORS LOOK FORWARD TO HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL

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